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This is a request for filing a new PATENT APPLICATION under Rule 53(b) entitled:

USE OF (3-(2-ETHYLPHENYL)-5-METHOXYPHENYL)-1H-[1,2,4]-TRIAZOLE FOR THE TREATMENT OF AUTOIMMUNE DISEASES

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This application is made by the below identified inventor(s). Attached hereto are the following papers:

☐ Newly executed Declaration, ☐ Copy of Declaration from prior application, ☐ Abstract

16 pages of specification and claims (including 8 numbered claims), and

8 sheets of accompanying drawing/s for Figures 1 - 9.

☐ Attached is a Power of Attorney.

☒ Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on the following foreign applications:

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, respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application..

☐ Certified copy(ies) of foreign application(s) is/are attached.

☐ Certified copy(ies) filed on _____ in prior application no. _____ filed _____

☒ **This application is a continuation of International Application No. PCT/IT03/00237 filed April 15, 2003 claiming priority on U.S. 10/137,699 filed May 3, 2002, and a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial No. No. 10/137,699, filed May 3, 2002, the entire content of each of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.**

☐ The prior application is assigned to

☐ Applicant claims "small entity" status. ☐ "Small entity" statement attached.

☒ Please enter the attached preliminary amendment prior to calculation of filing fee.

☒ Also attached: ☒ **Information Disclosure Statement**; ☐ **Non-Publication Request**; ☐ **Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission**; ☐ **Statement deleting Inventor(s) named in prior application**; ☐ **Other**:

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